

REMARKS

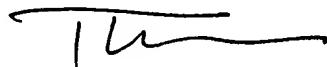
In response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2006, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-18, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 28-60 are withdrawn from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

No additional filing fee is believed due. However, please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) that may become due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or 1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s), to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

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